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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the social, economic and caste census 2011, 17.91 crore households live in villages;

(b) if so, whether the population has decreased in rural India during the last three years:

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check migration from villages ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): According to the provisional data of the SECC 2011, there are 17.91 cr. rural households living in Rural India whereas there are 16.61 cr. as per the Census ,2011 conducted by Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner , India.

(d): The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing, inter-alia, major programmes namely Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for wage employment, National Rural Livelihoods Mission for livelihoods promotion through self employment, Indira Awaas Yojana for rural housing, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for rural connectivity, National Social Assistance Programme for social assistance to rural poor. These programmes are aimed at betterment of rural livelihoods and overall development of rural areas through creation of employment opportunities, infrastructures and providing social assistance to the rural poor.

These programmes especially (MGNREGA) is instrumental in reducing migration among the rural poor. Various independent studies done by reputed academic institutions and studies by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) have proved the positive impact of the MGNREGA in substantially reducing migration from rural areas to urban areas.

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